



Helping LDS Wards Improve Scouting through Commissioner Service

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Why Scouting?

Five reasons in 1913

- broader opportunities as Scouts;
- definiteness of purpose and standardization of merit;
- a general uplift and fellowship of the boys of the nation;
- the missionary work of our boys, associating with their fellows; and
- a worthy spirit of fellowship and brotherhood with the National Organization





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Why Scouting Today?

Are these 1913 reasons still applicable

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Commissioner Service



Your mission is to help units succeed!





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District Functions

Membership

Fund Development

Program

Unit Service





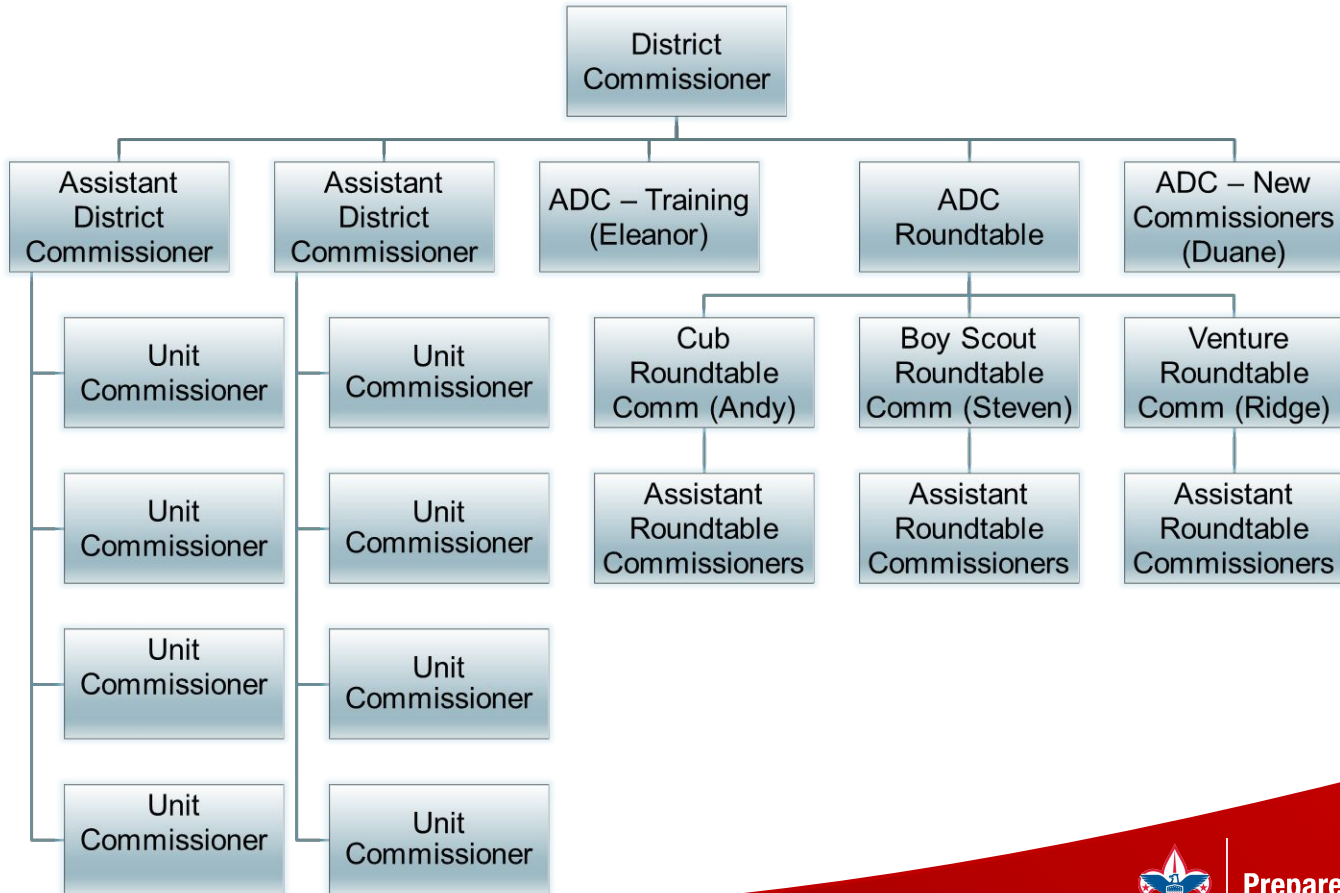
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Membership

- Inventories / Youth Applications
- Adult Applications
(background check before sustained/set apart see § 8.8)
- Service to the Community
- Recharter assistance



Commissioner Staff Organization





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Commissioner Service - Matches Stake Responsibilities

- Unit commissioners are accountable for the success of their assigned units.
 - Stake Leaders should help the Wards succeed
- See that all direct-contact unit leadership completes basic leader training, including Youth Protection training
 - Why Training?





Commissioner Service - Matches Stake Responsibilities

- Visit unit meetings regularly.
 - Observe the unit in action
 - Privately use the commissioner worksheet.
 - Work with unit leadership in annual plans and self assessment form
 - If called upon, participate or help in some of the activities
- Record your visit in Commissioner Tools
 - Return and Report





Commissioner Service - Matches Stake Responsibilities

- Visit regularly with the unit leader.
 - Be aware of the unit leader's needs and concerns
 - Serve as the unit leader's friend and coach
 - Offer encouragement and support
 - Using the literature available
 - Maintain the best possible relationship with unit leadership
 - Encourage unit participation in district and council events
- Why District / Council Events





Commissioner Service - Matches Stake Responsibilities

- Work to assure effective and active unit committees
 - Are the Wards working well with Parents and with Primary / YM Presidency
 - Do they have a Committee of Leaders/Parents/Bishopric member to support each other in helping YM be leaders and successful
- Meet and encourage the orientation of the chartered organization representative
 - Have a good relationship with the Bishop / Counselors
 - Encourage longevity in scout callings
 - Identify missing positions that need to be filled





Commissioner Service - Matches Stake Responsibilities

- Know the neighborhood in which your units are located.
 - Understand needs of the Ward
 - For example, Are their very few scouts?
Should Wards sharing same building meet together?
(each ward should charter even if meeting together)
Is the Ward reaching out to less active youth members.
- Know the district and council
 - Identify resources that can help the unit.
 - Know and share information about events that that will help the unit
 - Work closely with the professional staff
 - Know district committees members that can help meet specialized needs of your units.



Commissioner Priorities

Good Unit Service

Takes precedence over all
other Scouting efforts

Don't do things for the unit – be an **ADVISOR**
- Patrol Method for adults



Counseling

Best way to help a unit is to strengthen its leadership through effective counseling



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Key Responsibilities - Focus

- Training - Trained Ward Leaders are more successful
- Visit Units Regularly (Return & Report)
- Connect Ward with District Resources / Events that can help
- Keep youth / adults properly registered & On-Time Recharter





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Practical Tools Being a Commissioner Provides

- Instant Access to Adult Leader lists
- Instant Access to Training Status
- Tool to keep track of progress / visits





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District Resources

- Events / Program
 - Camporees
 - Cub Events - Shooting Sports / etc
- Training
- Registration / Recharter Process
- Experienced Commissioners - Best Practices
- Access to Camping Equipment
- Learn about Successful Locations / Camping

